

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

## Announcement of Public Hearing and Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA)/ Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for US Highway 101

### WHERE AND WHEN?

#### ① Public Hearing

**Date:** Sunday, October 27, 2002  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(Formal Presentation at 3:00 p.m.)  
**Place:** Casa de la Raza  
601 E. Montecito Street  
Santa Barbara, CA

#### ② Public Hearing

**Date:** Monday, October 28, 2002  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
(No Formal Presentation)  
**Place:** Faulkner Gallery  
Santa Barbara Library  
40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA

#### ③ Public Hearing

**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2002  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
(Formal Presentation at 7:00 p.m.)  
**Place:** Cabrillo Arts Center  
1118 E. Cabrillo Blvd.  
Santa Barbara, CA

### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to improve safety and operations on Route 101 in the City of Santa Barbara through the Santa Barbara Operational Improvement Project. The project area extends from the Milpas Street Interchange south to the Hot Springs Road/Cabrillo Boulevard interchanges.

### WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has released a combined environmental document composed of an Environmental Assessment (EA) under federal law and a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under California law. In order to plan for and build a better project, Caltrans is soliciting comments during the public review period, which closes on December 15, 2002. A court reporter will be available at each meeting to take your verbal comments. Spanish translators will be available at all three meetings. The purpose of all public meetings is to gather comments on the EA/Draft EIR. Staff will be available to answer specific questions regarding project features and impacts.

### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Copies of the EA/Draft EIR, preliminary project design for each alternative and other project information are available for viewing. For further information concerning the environmental documentation of this project please contact Ms. Brandy Rider at (866) 484-8235. You can look at or obtain the environmental document effective October 15, 2002 at the Caltrans District 5 office located at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA. Copies of the document are also available for you to read at: SBCAG, 26 Castilian Drive, Goleta, CA, City of Santa Barbara, Planning Division, 630 Garden Street, 2nd Floor, Santa Barbara, CA, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu, Santa Barbara, CA. Written comments on the environmental document will be accepted until December 15, 2002 and should be submitted to: Larry Newland, AICP, Branch Chief, Caltrans Environmental Analysis, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5415 or call (866) 484-8235, or by e-mail at [simprove@dot.ca.gov](mailto:simprove@dot.ca.gov).

### CONTACT

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are required to contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs Office (805) 549-3138 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

